

AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAMME FOR THE INSTITUTES

The provincial advisory board of the New Brunswick Women's Institutes held an important meeting in Fredericton on Wednesday and the president, Mrs. C. J. Osman, who was in the city last night at the Royal Hotel, gave a very interesting account of the deliberations of the board. The members of the board, besides Mrs. Osman, are the vice-president, Mrs. Harvey, of Fredericton; secretary-treasurer, Miss Langis, of Tracadie; the district representatives, Mrs. Paul Doyle, of Jacquet River; Mrs. Hazel Crocker, of Moncton; Mrs. Bridges of Gagetown, and Mrs. Ogilvie, of Carleton county. The conveners of committees are as follows: Education, Mrs. Charles Combs, of Woodstock; legislation, Mrs. Osman; immigration, Mrs. Harold Lawrence, St. John; public health and child welfare, Miss K. Stewart-Fredrickson, of St. John; director of the board of federated institutes, and Miss Campbell, of Fredericton, treasurer of the board of federated institutes, were present at the meeting on Wednesday. Constitutional business occupied a large part of the meeting.

The newly appointed advisory board is now getting down to the practical work of aiding the supervisor of the institutes, Miss Hazel McCain, and is ready as an organization to aid each of the scattered institutes which are now to be found in almost every part of the province.

Each of the committee conveners sent a report and the recommendations were thoroughly considered.

In her report, as convener of immigration, Mrs. Lawrence recommended wider publicity and a strong educational campaign, a provincial representative overseas, more careful and patient training of household workers and a closer co-operation between the settlers and the newcomers and the residents, especially in isolated districts. The child welfare committee recommendations, presented by Miss Stewart, touched on many subjects of public health.

Mrs. Osman, in her report for the committee on legislation, touched on the care of mentally deficient children, juvenile courts, the age of consent and a woman's right to vote on her husband's income in school and educational matters. From suggestions made in her report, a resolution was passed advocating mothers' allowances.

Mrs. Charles Combs' report, as convener of education, dealt with vocational work, medical inspection, securing and retaining good teachers, compulsory school attendance and encouragement of instruction in music and physical culture. Arising out of the discussion of this report, a resolution was passed and will be sent to the federated institutes recommending that there be a central board of censors for motion pictures.

In discussing the short courses to be arranged for, it was suggested that a course in civics or a traveling lecturer

in civics might be a valuable addition to the programme of the institutes. The provincial exhibition being in Fredericton in September, the W. I. exhibit will be given a prominent place there. It was hoped that the exhibit might also be taken to the St. John, St. Stephen and Chatham exhibitions. Preliminary arrangements for the W. I. convention in Woodstock in October were also under discussion. The Federated Women's Institutes will hold their convention in Edmonton in June and delegates will go from New Brunswick.

Junior Red Cross Work in the Schools

The teachers of the city schools were very largely represented at the public meeting held in the High school assembly hall yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the New Brunswick division of the Red Cross Society, when S. B. McCready, of Toronto, in an able manner set forth the aims and programme of the Junior Red Cross society. He explained that the matter of taking the Junior Red Cross into the public schools had been brought before the board of education at Fredericton and was receiving consideration but that, pending a decision of the board, no action would be taken by the society in that regard. He told, however, of the very successful Junior Red Cross now established in Fredericton and carrying on its activities outside of school hours. Mrs. John A. McAvity presided at the meeting, and was supported on the platform by Mrs. Frank S. White, president of the St. John Branch.

Mrs. G. A. Kuhring, convener of the committee on activities and progress spoke of the alarming physical unfitness of the people, which had been demonstrated by the medical tests of war time. She told of the responsibility which the Red Cross society had assumed at the request of the League of Nations to be a volunteer organization for the promotion of health, the mitigation of suffering and the prevention of disease. The society, she said, was appealing to all authorities, medical and educational, to show it how best it could carry out a scheme of public health promotion and it sought to enlist the teachers as co-workers and to train the children in a better understanding of health subjects.

Mr. McCready said the Junior Red Cross had been called the greatest educational discovery of the great war, and he believed it might be the finest thing ever put into the hands of the teachers to make better citizens of the boys and girls. He spoke of its international aspect in that it would link in a common bond the children of all the thirty-one nations which belong to the League of the Red Cross Societies. Of its national aspect, he said it gave a training in citizenship, united the children in a common job and trained them to think for others. He told how in Saskatchewan the Junior Red Cross societies were organized under the department of education and had been the means of enlisting the children in the cause of the relief of suffering. The third aspect of the Junior Red Cross, he said, was a vitalizing of hygiene teaching. Medical inspection had shown about seventy-five per cent of the school children to have some physical defect, and it has been proved that a large part of the defects were due to ignorance or to poor habits.

Methods of instruction were being challenged today and to some extent the public was justified in saying that the schools kept too much apart from the real things of life. The Junior Red Cross taught hygiene—or health—with the emphasis on the practical side. It set the children to work gaining knowledge instead of training them to memorize facts.

Mr. McCready went on to explain the various branches of health work that the children could take up in their Red Cross meetings which would help them to practice good health habits and be valuable assets in community welfare work.

The literature which the Junior Red Cross used, Mr. McCready said, was issued with the co-operation of the board of education and the board of health and came with the approval of both boards. He showed some of the posters which had been used in other provinces. Asked whether there was any age limit for children in the Junior Red Cross, he replied that it was a matter for the local Red Cross and the local authorities in educational and health matters to decide upon the definite policy to be pursued in any district.

Dr. H. S. Bridges moved the hearty vote of thanks that was extended to Mr. McCready and it was seconded by J. Frank Coombs. Mrs. McAvity in conveying the vote of thanks to Mr. McCready, said that much more would be heard of the work of the Junior Red Cross in the future, it had only just begun. On behalf of the Red Cross society, she thanked Dr. Bridges for the use of the assembly hall for the meeting and for his assistance in bringing it to the attention of the teachers.

Mayor Schofield, owing to pressure of other duties was unable to preside at the meeting; he sent his regrets.

OCCASIONALLY, (Hamilton Herald.)

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ST. JUDE'S JUNIORS GIVE DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT

The St. Jude's Junior branch of the women's auxiliary gave a delightful entertainment in their school room last night. About thirty children took part in the programme, which was under the direction of Mrs. Seely. The excellent manner in which every item on the programme was carried out reflected great credit on the officers and performers alike. The first part of the programme consisted of recitations, songs and a piano duet. A special feature was a missionary talk on junior branch objects, given by seven of the girls. These girls carried out a fairy drill descriptive of the various pledges for which the juniors work. China, Japan and India were all

represented by members in the native costumes of those countries, as well as two representatives of the Indian and Eskimo children. These little fairies explained the needs of each of these branches of the societies' work. Other features of the evening were a dumb-bell drill and a May-pole dance by other members of the auxiliary. Last night's performance was the second that these children have put on, as on Wednesday night the same programme was put on for the children only, while last night it was for adults. The recitor, Rev. J. H. A. Holmes, occupied the chair last night, and Mrs. R. K. Smith was the accompanist.

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PLANNING FOR DR. WHITE'S VISIT

The executive of the St. John city and county B. Y. P. U. held a meeting last evening in the local Y. M. C. A. The president of the executive, R. H. Parsons, occupied the chair. Reports showing the work of the various societies during the last two months were read by the representatives of the societies who were present. Most of the reports showed an encouraging advance along the various lines of young people's work. The chief business of the evening was the formation of plans for the entertainment of Rev. Dr. James A. White, general secretary of the B. Y. P. U. of America, who will visit St. John for the first time in the latter part of this month. The plans include a banquet in

his honor on the Saturday that he is in the city. Plans were formed also for the meetings that he will address while in the city. One of these will be a great rally of all the B. Y. P. U. in the city in Main street Baptist church. Dr. White is said to be an expert in young people's work, and to have a pleasing personality and to be a very forcible speaker.

CARMARTHEN STREET W. M. S.

The annual meeting of the W. M. S. of Carmarthen street Methodist church was held last evening and, in the absence of the president, Mrs. P. Morrissey, the chair was occupied by the vice-president, Mrs. Henry Tenna. An enjoyable programme of songs, instrumental selections and addresses were rendered, consisting of solos, by Miss E. Earle, and

Mrs. A. Brentall; duets, by Mrs. Brentall and Mrs. Taylor, and Lillian F. ter and Leonard Roberts; a piano selection by Miss M. Fox; a drill by the mission band; a reading by Mrs. Tenna; and a dialogue entitled "How Aunt Polly was won for the Mission Society." A very interesting address was delivered by Mrs. McAfee, a returned missionary from the Hebrides, on the result of missionary work. It was announced that the Easter offering amounted to more than \$40 and there were some subscriptions to be collected.

The profiteer's wife called on a specialist to attend her husband, who complained of business in his throat. "I think I might paint the throat with nitrate of silver," said the doctor. "O, doctor," said the devoted wife, "expense is no object; please use gold."

MUTT AND JEFF—JEFF ISN'T HANDING OUT ANY BOQUETS

-By "BUD" FISHER

